



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Catie Gayheart, and Fred Romer

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr

President Arroyo opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Member Ray Hoover motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Fred Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from May 6, 2019. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Reported 4" of rain in 2 days
- Plant working at 31% of design capacity
- Due to so much rain, the fields are too wet to put the bio solids on farm fields. The other option to take them to the landfill. We have applied for the proper permits to do so, and have been approved. We are currently working on getting the costs to truck the product to Elkhart's landfill. This could result in changing the way we are disposing of the bio solids in the future, as it may be more cost effective. Will report back on that at a future meeting. Member Romer made a motion to move forward with the disposal of the bio solids, using Noble Disposal to transport to Elkhart, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Would like to look at an ordinance with specifications and fines for lateral repairs. The attorney will look into writing it.

Water:

- Presented Wastewater adjustments for 817 S Union and 111 E Lake Street. Member Romer made a motion to approve the adjustments, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the possibility of adding an employee for the water department

FIRE:

- Attended rescue task force training with the County Sheriff's department.
- Hurst will be coming on Thursday to do training on removing victims from vehicles. Curtis Wrecking will allow the use of some vehicles on their property.

POLICE:

- Provided a monthly details report

STREET:

- Provided a report of tasks completed
- Discussed INDOT's US 20 project, they will be laying sod and finishing up the work soon. A citizen asked who would be responsible for making sure the sod is watered properly and who would pay for that water. Attorney Eberhard suggested that it may be time to get estimates on finishing the landscaping and fixing the dip in Townline Road and requesting reimbursement to get the job done

CLERK:

- Looking for someone to represent the town at the annual REMC dinner on June 8th. Member Romer stated he would be able to attend on behalf of the Town.
- Presented Resolution 2019-05-20 to transfer appropriations. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the

transfers, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- New Focus HR has requested the council clarify a segment in the Employee Handbook addressing Personal Time being paid out upon employment termination. Member Hoover motioned that the Town will pay out unused personal and vacation, but not sick time. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed Summer Banners for downtown. Member Catie Gayheart would like to create a banner graphic for the banners.

Town Manager

- Discussed vandalism at the park and cemetery
- Clay Street is repaved and being used.
- Reminded the council of the Public Hearing to discuss 2019 Street Improvement projects scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th at 4:30pm
- Working with Farm Bureau Insurance regarding a right of way for sidewalks along South Poplar Street
- Will be attending an OCRA Conference on the 29th at Potawatomi Inn with the Clerk
- Discussed hiring a part time person at the Cemetery and the possibility of a full time "floating employee" to help with all departments. Member Romer made a motion for the Town Manager to look for more help. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Would like to meet with the town marshal on ordinance violations

OPEN DISCUSSION:


- Council President Juan Arroyo announced that he is tendering his resignation from the council, effective May 31, 2019.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC
Clerk Treasurer